

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2773****The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Jonathan Hecht**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

**An Act To Reduce Youth Consumption of Tobacco Products By Equalizing the Cigarette Excise.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
Pam Richardson	6th Middlesex
Linda Dorcena Forry	12th Suffolk
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	34th Middlesex
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Peter v. Kocot	1st Hampshire
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Stephen Kulik	1st Franklin
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester District
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	10th Hampden
Mark V. Falzone	9th Essex
Alice K. Wolf	25th Middlesex
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Lori Ehrlich	8th Essex
James Dwyer	30th Middlesex
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex

Susan C. Fargo	Third Middlesex
Sonia Chang-Díaz	Second Suffolk
Mary E. Grant	6th Essex
Robert F. Fennell	10th Essex
Kevin G. Honan	17th Suffolk
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk
Carolyn Dykema	8th Middlesex
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
Christopher J. Donelan	2nd Franklin
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT TO REDUCE YOUTH CONSUMPTION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY CLOSING LOOPHOLES IN THE CIGARETTE EXCISE.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 7B of Chapter 64C of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

(m) In addition to the excise imposed by paragraph (b), an excise shall be imposed on all cigars weighing more than 3 pounds per 1,000 units and not more than 12 pounds per 1,000 units held in the commonwealth at the rate of 80 per cent of the wholesale price of such product. In addition to the excise imposed by paragraph (b), an excise shall be imposed on all smoking tobacco held in the commonwealth at the rate of 90 per cent of the wholesale price of such product.

SECTION 2. Section 7C(a) of Chapter 64C of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the sentence “Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the excise imposed by this section shall equal twenty-five percent of the price paid by such licensee or unclassified acquirer to purchase smokeless tobacco so sold, imported, or acquired” and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:

“Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the excise imposed by this section shall equal forty-five percent of the price paid by such licensee or unclassified acquirer to purchase smokeless tobacco so sold, imported or acquired.”